

High Peak B.C. – Tree Comments

Date: 19th September 2023

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Site: Holy Trinity Church, School Road, Peak Dale

Tree on Site:

- Trees protected by TPO 277a
- Other minor trees

Tree Concerns:

- Removal of T9 of TPO 277a (Yew T13 on tree plan) to create parking bay
- Tree report details 5 trees to felled
- No clear confirmation of replacement tree planting

Discussion:

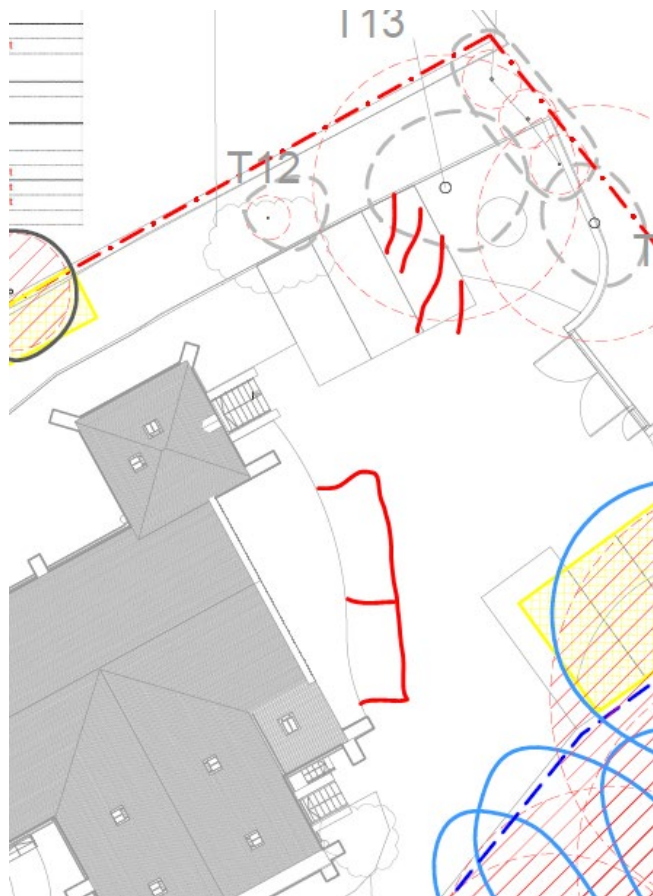
Whilst there is no objection to the principle of the development from a tree perspective, the removal of T9 to create a parking bay is objected to, as there appears to be very little need for this to happen.

Removal of T9 (T13)

The removal of the Yew tree to the front of the site is coupled with the removal of all other trees from the north east corner of the site, de-nuding it of mature landscaping. The Yew was identified in a 2018 TPO assessment of the site as an important tree worthy of protection. This has not changed and should be protected and retained as part of the future layout of the site.

The removal is to facilitate car parking, which could be relocated elsewhere on site, outside of a tree root protection area, as shown:

A mature tree that reflects the cultural history of the former church can then be retained on site.



Removal of 5 trees/Replanting

The plans showing what trees are to be removed and mitigation planting is somewhat vague. The proposed site plans appear to show 10 trees that are to be removed, whilst the tree report only shows 5. How many trees are to be removed?

There are 20 dashed circles on the proposed site plan, showing new planting. This does not describe what kind of planting is proposed; trees or shrubs or both.

As the Local Plan requires a 2 for 1 replacement on all trees removed an accurate assessment and confirmation of what is to be removed and what level of realistic replacement planting is required.

Decision:

Object. The above issues need to be altered and confirmed before consent can be granted.